

I am horrified that Mr. Powell and the FCC did not deem Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election a violation of campaign laws. Sinclair uses our airwaves as a STEWARD, not as an OWNER. AS STEWARDS, Sinclair has a responsibility and accountability to the PUBLIC because we the PUBLIC are the owners of the airwaves, not Sinclair, not any company. Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest, not their corporate or political agenda.

Sinclair's blatant disregard of the law shows that a large company that controls broadcast information can twist and distort the democratic process.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. We need vigilant leadership from the FCC and FEC and this leadership cannot be beholden to any prior political claim.

Thank you.